Subordinates of the Anchal Department.

15. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the subordinates of the Anchal Department?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: The required †statement is laid on the table.

Ferry Service at Aroor.

16. *MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the ferry service at Aroor is provided only with one *Junghar*; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to order that two *Junghars* may be provided there without further delay?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Road between Alleppey and Kottayam.

17. *MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before Government for constructing a road between Alleppey and Kottayam in the year 1112 or 1113 M. E.; and

(*b*) if so, in what stage the proposal is at present?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Separation of Customs from the Excise Department.

1. MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations pointing out the desirability of separating the Customs from the Excise Department; and

(*b*) the action they propose to take or have already taken on the subject?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subject is engaging the attention of Government.

Publication of monthly statistics of Exports and Imports.

2. MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations regarding the desirability of publishing monthly statistics of exports and imports of Travancore; and

† *Vide* Appendix IV—page 34.

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(*b*) whether they propose to organise a Statistical and Commercial Intelligence Department or a separate section for these in the Secretariat?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An Officer has been deputed for training in Customs and Statistics and the question will be taken up on his return.

Export duty on Bulb Turmeric.

3. MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representations protesting againt the imposition of an export duty on Bulb Turmeric?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes.

Export duty on pepper.

4. MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the present rate of export duty on pepper was introduced;

(*b*) what was the price of pepper at that time; and

(*c*) what is the current price of pepper?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) on 1-5-1101.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 223 per candy of 500 lbs.

(*c*) Bh. Rs. 92-0-0 per candy of 500 lbs.

Cost of Living Index Numbers.

5. MR. K. C KARUNAKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken on the recommendation of the Economic Development Board regarding the compilation of cost of Living Index Numbers?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government propose to consult the reconstituted Economic Development Board.

Alleppey-Aroor road.

6. MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the very unsatisfactory condition of the Alleppey-Aroor road; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the condition of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two estimates amounting to about Rs. 20,000 have been received from the Chief Engineer for urgent improvements to the road and they are under the consideration of Government. The Chief Engineer has also sanctioned another estimate for Rs. 1,730 and given instructions to the Division Officer, Kottayam to carry out the necessary works as far as funds permit.

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